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AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner Kastler:

In reply to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action dated September 15, 2008, please amend this application as follows: